

Application No. 10/085,333
Amendment dated August 22, 2003
Reply to Office Action of May. 22, 2003

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 2-11, 17-26, and 28-35 are pending in the application. The Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 4-7, 12-16, 19-22, and 27. The Examiner has objected to Claims 2, 3, 8-11, 17, 18, 23-26, and 28-35. Claims 1, 12-16, and 27 are cancelled without prejudice by the current amendment.

Claim Rejections – U.S.C. §102

Applicants have cancelled Claims 1, 12-16, and 27 rendering moot the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. §102 rejection of these claims. Applicants hereby cancel these claims without prejudice and reserve the right to take up examination of these claims in a continuing case.

Claim Rejections – U.S.C. §103

Applicants have either cancelled or amended Claims 4-7, 15, 16, and 19-22 to depend from an allowed claim rendering moot the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. §103 rejection of these claims. Applicants reserve the right to take up examination of the cancelled claims in a continuing case.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 2, 3, 8-11, 17, 18, 23-26 and 28-35. Applicants have rewritten Claims 2, 8-11, 17, 23-26, 28-31, and 35 in independent form to place these claims in condition for allowance. The remaining non-cancelled claims all depend from one of Claims 2, 8-11, 17, 23-26, 28-31, and 35 and are allowable therewith.

It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the Official Action and reconsideration is requested. Specifically, Applicants respectfully submit that the current application is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

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In the event Applicant has overlooked the need for an extension of time or payment of fee, Applicant hereby petitions therefor and authorizes that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 02-0385, BAKER & DANIELS.

If any questions concerning this application should arise, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at 219/424-8000.

Respectfully submitted,

BAKER & DANIELS



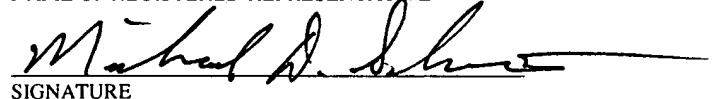
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